

Westfield City Council May 24, 2010

The Westfield City Council met in regular session Monday May 24, 2010 at the Westfield City Hall. Members present were John Dippel, Steve Hoover, Bob Horkay, Ken Kingshill, Bob Smith, Tom Smith, and Rob Stokes. Also present were Mayor Andy Cook, Clerk-Treasurer Cindy Gossard and Legal Counsel Brian Zaiger.

President Tom Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00P.M.

President Smith stated that Resolution 10-08 will be tabled and not heard this evening.

Approval of Minutes:

May 10, 2010 (special meeting):

Bob Smith made the motion to approve the May 10, 2010 minutes as amended (statement submitted by Ken Kingshill). John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Guest:

Randy Graham spoke on behalf of the Westfield Washington Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is very interested in any City incentives used to improve business growth and would like to work with the City in encouraging the business growth.

President Smith asked if there was someone from the Chamber that has been appointed to communicate with the City Council for informational exchange. Mr. Graham stated that much has been funneled through Julie Sole the Director of the Chamber but he would be happy to be that person.

Claims:

Bob Horkay made the motion to approve the claims as presented. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Ordinance 10-08: Bridgewater Marketplace PUD Amendment:

Introduction – April 12, 2010

APC Public Hearing – April 19, 2010

APC Recommendation – May 17, 2010

Adoption Consideration – May 24, 2010

Kevin Todd presented this item explaining the Ordinance 10-08 amendments. He stated this Ordinance came with a favorable recommendation from the Advisory Plan Commission.

Mr. Todd introduced Joyce Skidmore from Kite Development, who was available to answer any questions.

There was discussion on the bronze lettering and the square footage of the signs. Steve Hoover who also serves on the Advisory Plan Commission explained that the signage either met or was less than the ordinance requires.

Bob Horkay had concerns with the footage between the brick columns. Ms. Skidmore explained that the distance between is about 7 feet. Mr. Horkay was still concerned with not being able to read the signage.

Ken Kingshill appreciated the effort to address his original concern with the clock tower. He had stated at the introduction that the clock tower has served as a gateway sign to the community, no matter what the original intent was. He still has concerns with the commercial signage taking away from the clock tower. Steve Hoover stated that there were similar concerns from the Advisory Plan Commission but the compromise of reducing the signage from what is required made for a unanimous favorable recommendation.

Rob Stokes expressed his support for this Ordinance.

Director of Community Development Matt Skelton explained the options to be considered:

- 1. Action may be taken if the Council chooses.**
- 2. Council may approve as submitted**
- 3. Propose changes and the ordinance would go back to the Advisory Plan Commission.**

Steve Hoover made the motion to approve Ordinance 10-08 as amended with the language specific to the spacing at the Clock Tower Sign. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-2 (Bob Horkay and Ken Kingshill). Motion carried.

New Business:

Resolution 10-06: Economic Revitalization Area Confirmatory Resolution for 17435 Tiller Court:

Public Hearing – May 24, 2010

First Reading –May 24, 2010

Adoption Consideration -May 24, 2010

President Smith questioned this being the first reading. Deanne Ludwig representing the Economic Development Department explained that the last meeting's discussion passed the Declaratory Resolution (Resolution 10-05) and this meeting is for consideration of a Confirmatory Resolution for the same property. This meeting also allows for public comment after notifications have been sent out to all taxing units that have the ability to levy taxes.

Ms. Ludwig also explained that this is the next step in the process of confirming the Economic Revitalization Area for 17435 Tiller Court.

President Smith opened the Public Hearing at 7:33P.M.

There were no comments from the public.

President Smith closed the Public Hearing at 7:34P.M.

John Dippel made the motion to approve Resolution 10-06. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Resolution 10-07 Tax Abatement Resolution for CPS, Inc.:

First Reading - May 24, 2010

Adoption Consideration – May 24, 2010

Deanne Ludwig referred to the abatement packet and material describing the financial information. She also referred to section 2 as finding suggestions. She then introduced Katie Culp with CPS.

Ms. Culp explained their request for a Tax Abatement as well as obvious benefits. She went on to explain that through local incentives often doors are opened to State incentives.

There was some discussion on equipment. Ms. Ludwig announced that the equipment was listed in the proposed Resolution as well as the Statement of Benefits.

Deputy Mayor Bruce Hauk pointed out that this is a great tax payer credit having 1.5 million dollars investment from CPS.

Rob Stokes asked about the abatement phase. Ms. Ludwig explained that by Indiana Administrative Code this is a normal phase approach. Every year the Council will have the opportunity to review this business and review compliancy.

Steve Hoover made the motion to approve Resolution 10-07 as presented. Bob Horkay seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Resolution 10-08 Village Park TIF

First Reading- May 24, 2010

Introduction – May 24, 2010

Tabled

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Rob Stokes stated he will be out of town beginning next week for (5) weeks and will be available by email.

Tom Smith stated Bob Smith, representing the City Council, will be building the CC Grand Junction Derby car.

Bob Smith asked if Community Development had followed up on the Birch Street property high grass. Director Matt Skelton said that they are working through the process.

Steve Hoover stated that the Advisory Plan Commission approved the sight plan for the new Fire Station unanimously.


MAYOR COMMENTS:

Bruce Hauk stated that the "Relay for Life" was held this past weekend and that the City employees team "Shamrockin' the Cure" raised \$4,300.00. The Police Department had a team organized by Officer Grimes. Officer Grime's father is battling with cancer.

Mr. Hauk also announced that both he and Joel Rush had an opportunity to be a part of the opening ceremony. Dr. Eric Lohe gave the invocation for the ceremony.

Bob Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:48P.M.


Deputy Clerk-Treasurer


President